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FOR AMBASSADOR MURPHY FROM ATHERTON

1. I APPRECIATE YOUR RAISING WITH ME THE IDEA OF YOUR
SENDING LETTERS TO CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS ABOUT THE FY'76
AID BILL, BUT BELIEVE WE WILL HAVE TO DEVISE OTHER WAYS
OF SUPPORTING THE SYRIAN PORTION OF THE BILL. ASIDE FROM
POSSIBILITY THAT LETTERS WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC, WE FEEL THAT
ADVOCACY OF THIS KIND MIGHT BE RESENTED ON THE HILL AND
COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

2. WE WILL BE SHARING WITH YOU WHATEVER NEW THOUGHTS WE
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